

## FROM THE FIELD.

## Bryan, Ohio.

Feb. 18.—We are now at our home in Bryan, where we are enjoying a few days of much needed rest preparatory to commencing a protracted effort at Prattville, Mich. which will begin on next Saturday eve.

Our meeting at the "Mount Pleasant Church" closed on last Saturday evening, as an immediate result eight precious souls were added to our number. The accessions are from good families, four of them being heads of families, and only one of the number has ever been a member of the Brethren church. We believe they all have stability enough to stand by their convictions, notwithstanding their opposition and discouragements.

We preached twenty four sermons at this church amid considerable opposition and discouragement. It seemed, to us, that every foot of the ground we gained was hotly contested. But by the grace of God we gained a signal victory and received some encouraging promises for the future. We are thankful to all who gave us assistance and support, and shared with us their temporal blessings. But oh! our heart bleeds and the tears start from our eyes when we think of the glaring inconsistency the world sometimes uses to hinder the work of our blessed Master, and impede the progress of the gospel chariot. But to those who have recently started on their Christian journey we wish to say; be firm—"fight the good fight of faith" and the prize is yours, decision, prayer, self-subjection, bearing the cross, and steady perseverance, are all required.

Yet let the promise animate you. Be humble, be self-diffident, but fear not. Greater is He who is for you, than all that are against you; and if you trust him, this faith shall be your victory.

Oh glorious consolation that when our poor work on earth is done and we cross the river, we shall meet on the other shore where partings never come—"But higher shall our rapture glow On yon celestial plain, When the loved and parted here below Meet ne'er to part again."

A. M. RIDENOUR.

## Our Visit at Winchester Church.

By request of Bro. J. M. Tombaugh and the Winchester church, Ohio, I assisted them in conducting a three weeks' meeting, which closed Feb. 3rd, with a large attendance and a general good feeling. No immediate accessions, but some promised to come soon. One gratifying feature of the meeting was the friendly relations of the various denominations in favoring us with their presence. Also our young friends who assisted our brethren in the singing, which was excellent and which we much appreciated. They have our best wishes. The brethren manifested much zeal and liberality in the erection of a fine commodious church house in the town of Winchester, which is certainly very commendable. Some little personal difficulties existed among some of the members, but I think all has been settled, and peace, love and good-will prevails. They expect to have a communion service in the near future. With such a noble band of brethren

and sisters as compose the Winchester church and Bro. Tombaugh as their pastor, who is very efficient in the ministry and full of zeal for the cause, we anticipate a bright future for this church. My stay with the brethren and friends was to me both pleasant and profitable. Formed many acquaintances; would like to name them all but they are too many. I shall ever hold them in grateful remembrance.

JOSIAH KEIM.

## Dallas Center, Iowa.

The brethren and sisters of this place decided on New Year's day to have Bro. S. T. Grove, of Alta, Iowa, to come and labor with us a short time. Accordingly on the evening of the eighth he arrived. The meeting for the first two weeks were held in a school house, nine miles west of town, where we had but four members. Taking all things into consideration the meetings were a success. Five precious souls were added unto the church. The next meetings were held five miles east of town in another school house, and the rest in our church in town. Although there were no converts at the two latter places, yet we think good was accomplished. Brethren and sisters were encouraged to go on unto perfection. By the way Bro. Grove is not a mere professor of the Word, but a doer. He puts in practice what he preaches. He is a true Christian, the kind the world and the church needs.

D. S. SHANK.

## Panther, Iowa.

Bro. Grove, of Aurelia, Iowa, came to us Jan. 10, and commenced a series of meetings at our school house one mile south of Panther. Bro. Grove labored earnestly among us for two weeks, building up the brethren and winning four souls to Christ. The good seed sown by the brother is gradually developing and we believe, ere long, will bear glorious fruit for the Master. We need many more such workers in the great field where sin and misery abound. Many more to herald the glad tidings of salvation, to hold up the Gospel in its purity. May the brother's work be blessed where ever he goes, and we trust at some future time he will be among us again.

G. W. WALTER.

## Winchester.

On the 11th of Jan. last, Bro. Keim began a meeting at Winchester, Ohio, which continued three weeks. As a result of his labors the cause was strengthened and the church encouraged, though there were no immediate fruits in the way of accessions. A meeting may be grandly successful without adding to the numerical strength of the church, and Bro. Keim's meeting was of this character. If no stronger in numbers because of his labors among us, we are stronger in zeal, more closely united, more consecrated; and in the near future we hope to see the good seed which he faithfully scattered bear fruit in renewed hearts and transformed lives.

J. M. TOMBAUGH.

## FAIRVIEW.

Bro. I. D. Bowman is holding a meeting at Fairview, Ohio. He is an earnest and enthusiastic

worker and is wielding the sword of the Spirit with power. He reports two accessions in the first week of the meeting. The interest is growing, the congregations large, and the prospect for a great ingathering is glorious.

J. M. T.

## Indian Creek, Ind.

I came here at the earnest request of some brethren to preach a few sermons, but the interest is such that it is hard to close. Several have been baptized, others are ready, and still others are nearing the fold. Could the meetings be continued awhile yet, there is no doubt that many more would come to Christ.

J. H. S.

A Letter of Acknowledgement.  
JANUARY 28, 1889.

Dear Brethren and Sisters:—Inasmuch as there has been some trouble between us, we have resolved to take back and confess our faults, praying the church to pardon us in the course pursued by us. And I also ask pardon for the article which was written to the *Messenger*, and we feel to pardon the church or the party who was engaged in our troubles, and upon these grounds we will agree to take our stand with you, on the ground that the church will fellowship me back into the standing in which I was when the separation took place, praying God in our behalf that henceforth we may be more careful and live more devoted Christian lives, loving each other more, serving the Lord more than we have ever done in all our lives. And inasmuch as we ask for the position which we held when with you before, is for these reasons: the solicitations from other localities as well as some at home asking us to labor with and for them. Notwithstanding, we would desire that the church should hold brother Erwin as their pastor here, and I also promise to labor with brother Erwin here at home when I am at home, labor for the advancement of our blessed Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. This I promise to do in obedience to the members of the Brethren Church here at Middleport, Ind.

Signed by,

D. S. CRIFE.  
REBECCA CRIFE.

## Shadowy Side of Life.

Some Christians, as well as unconverted persons, often get the idea into their minds that a Christian's life should be all sunshine without any clouds or shadows, and from this very fact we often see cases of backsliding and growing cold and negligent in our Master's vineyard. Do not let us have one day of shadow flitted across our path and give up. If we did, where would we be to-day? We that have this idea, if we would stop and think of our Redeemer all along his life's journey, what dark clouds of despair hung above his head and what shadows crossed his path along the way, I think we should change our mind about a Christian's life, being all sunshine.

Think of him as he entered the place called Gethsemane and fell on his face and prayed, saying "Oh my Father, if it be possible, let this cup pass from me; nevertheless, not as I will, but as thou wilt." And he went away again the second time and prayed, saying, "Oh my Father, if

this cup may not pass away from me except I drink it, thy will be done." Do you think those were bright and joyous hours for our Saviour, and do you for a moment think that all things seemed bright and sunny to him who knew that the time had come when he must be scourged and spit upon and have the crown of thorns placed upon his head and die upon the cross that the world might be saved from its sins? Ah, no; I think those must have been dark, very dark days. But he knew that all these things need be in order that the scriptures be fulfilled. Did he turn from his Father and give up in despair? Oh no. He trusted him to the last, and after his work upon this earth was finished, he was taken home and received a crown of everlasting life.

It is my opinion that God sometimes lets shadows cross our pathway just to test our faith in him. So, when we have shadows in our lives, be it God's will or otherwise, let us always follow the example of our blessed Redeemer and trust him to the last, and then a crown of glory will be our reward.

N. F. KURTS.

Red Bridge, Ind.

## To the Branch Societies of Christian Endeavor.

I have been requested by the President of the S. S. C. E. to remind the Branch societies that the time is here for our semiannual remittance, and I hope during the month of March all of our Branches will remit to the general Treasurer, that we may have a good report to give through the *EVANGELIST* in April. We trust those that reported last fall will be heard from again whether their remittances are large or small. It will be encouraging to hear that you are alive in the work, and we hope that those societies that have not reported to us yet will come to the front and help us start this grand work. The only way we can accomplish any good work is by united effort, whether we call ourselves aid societies or whatever, let us work together for the one object, the extension of the kingdom of God and let us respect the work of our conference, and not let it be a dead letter to the church, and each do as we please. The object is to start a mission work on a solid basis and though the work is small, yet we are not discouraged. Everything must have a beginning. But what we want is that all our Branch societies, and all the churches that have not organized will respond to the work. We know that we will not be sorry when our work on earth is done, if we have done what it was our duty to do, and that is to first seek the kingdom of God. Not seek every vain and foolish thing of this life and spend our money lavishly upon our own bodies. One dollar for a vain, foolish feather on your hat, and ten cents for the mission box. From ten to fifteen dollars a year for the filthy weed of tobacco and perhaps one dollar for the mission box. Is this first seeking the kingdom of heaven? Let us be careful that we don't have our account so unevenly balanced, we shall reap as we have sown.

SARAH KEIM, Treas.

The more a man denies himself, the more he shall obtain from God.—Horace.

Self-denial enlightens and blesses the soul by freeing it from selfishness.—Matilda Fletcher.

Self-denial is a kind of holy association with God, and by making you his partner interests you in all his happiness.—Boyle.

The worst education which teaches self-denial is better than the best which teaches you everything else, and not that.—J. Sterling.

## Elegant Placards For Churches.

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BRETHREN PUB. HOUSE.

## OUR CHURCH.

Read about Bro. Summer's glorious meeting, at Bunker Hill, Ind.

Bro. J. M. Tombaugh is greatly pleased over the prospects in his field of labor.

Bro. D. Harader is again preaching. An article is on hand from him for next week.

Bro. Kilhefner is still at Brighton, Ind., and we are thinking he is going to give us a surprise.

The attention of the members of the Sister's Endeavor is directed to Sister Keim's letter.

Bro. A. M. Kidenour is going to do a little tract preaching in the vicinity of Prattville, Mich.

Bro. I. D. Bowman is still at Fairview Church, Fayette Co., Ohio, and will stay until he deems his work done.

The Brethren at Fair Haven expect to commence a protracted meeting soon, or they may have already done so.

Bro. J. C. Ewing writes that he is recovering, which we are glad to learn. Money orders sent him should be made payable to Anniston, Ala.

Bro. E. Mason is again at home, after a visit and a preaching tour through Indiana, and will take up his extensive work about Dayton, again.

Bro. Josiah Keim now sustains the relation of corresponding or Associate Editor and Solicitor, of this paper, and he is authorized to take subscription and receive payment for it.

Late numbers of the *EVANGELIST* certainly commend themselves to every reader, and do you not think it should be placed in every home of the Brotherhood? Will you do a little work to accomplish this?

There ought to be several good fields of labor for ministers in Virginia. On the first of April, Bro. E. B. Shaver will go to another state to labor. The brethren recently called to the work should put on the whole armor.

The *EVANGELIST* is the church paper, and this department is for the special use of the churches in making announcements, calling attention to work that is to be done, preparatory for conventions, etc. Do not forget to use it brethren.

An article of correspondence is found in the wide columns this week, from West Independence, Ohio. Bro. Shively always writes with such moderation and purity of purpose, and with such care, and the editor, guessing that it was an essay, gave it to the compositors without examining it.

Bro. Bashor is now engaged at Mexico, Ind. He is hardly able to bear the strain of a revival effort, on account of the condition of his health. The attendance is increasing at his meetings, although there are several others going on in the locality. The interest is increasing, and we are hopeful of good results.

Bro. A. A. Cober will end his studies at Chicago, Ill., in a few weeks, and then he expects to spend a little time in the revival field. In the spring he expects to take his family and visit in Pennsylvania, the home of himself and his wife. We know those will be happy days, and a treat, too, for the brethren among whom he will stop.

List of donations, under call of "Worthy of Attention," in *BRETHREN EVANGELIST* No. 6.

1st. Sister Julia A. Wood, (scarf) \$1.25. 2nd. Sister Sarah Longanier, .50. 3rd. Sister Lydia Ball, .50. 4th. A sister, without name, .25. Received up to February 15th, \$2.50. Sisters, words fail to express the gratitude of my heart, for what the Lord has done and is doing for me, through his chosen followers. God bless you, and all of like faith.—W. S. Lyon, Wilson P. O., Adams Co., Ohio.